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The amendment is not entered because the newly added claim limitation of a biodegradable expanded molded article having an irregular surface requires further search and consideration. Additionally, the amendment includes new claims 21 and 22 without canceling corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

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Regarding Applicant's response, the response is not found persuasive because it relies on an amendment that is not entered.

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